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COMMITTEE MEMBER

FOR ECA/IV, EUR LABOR ADVISER (STATE), AND ILAB (DOL)

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES JERONIMO SAAVEDRA ACEVEDO, BORN JULY 3, 1936, IN LAS PALMAS, CANARY ISLANDS. HE SITS ON UGT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS CONFEDERAL SECRETARY (HELD POSITION OF PRESS AND INFORMATIONS SECRETARY UNTIL MAY 1978 WHEN UGT CONGRESS SOMEWHAT MODIFIED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE), AND IS ALSO IN THE CORTES (PARLIAMENT) AS SOCIALIST (PSOE) DEPUTY FROM THE CANARIES. A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR (DOCTOR OF LAW) OF LABOR LAW, SAAVEDRA CURRENTLY IS VICE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES (INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SECTOR) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LAS PALMAS, CANARIES. HE HAS STUDIED ABROAD IN TRIESTE, COLONIA, AND FLORENCE. THE UGT LEADER JOINED THE PSOE IN 1972, AND REPRESENTED THE CANARIES ON THE FEDERAL COMMITTEE FROM 1974 TO 1976. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL, LABOR, AND PUBLIC WORKS AND URBANISM COMMITTEES OF THE  
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CONGRESS OF DEPUTIES. MAILING ADDRESS: C/O UGT, JOAQUIN GARCIA MORATO 90, MADRID 3, SPAIN. SAAVEDRA IS ONE OF THE MORE PROMINENT UGT LEADERS, AND IS OFTEN DESIGNATED TO ACT AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE UNION. IT HAD INITIALLY BEEN THE EMBASSY'S INTENTION TO NOMINATE MANUEL GARNACHO (UGT INDUSTRIAL FEDERATIONS SEUMETARY), R ORWVBAMYXBGLVOWZLTIES HAVE INTERFERED. SAAVEDRA IS

THE RECOMMENDED CHOICE OF THE UGT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
A DESIGNATION WE FULLY ENDORSE.

2. EMBASSY PROPOSES A 3-WEEK VISIT COMMENCING AUGUST 2  
AND ENDING AUGUST 23 (SAAVEDRA HAS COMMITMENT IN  
AUSTRIA AUGUST 24). WE RECOGNIZE ONE WEEK LEAD TIME  
WILL PUT HEAVY PRESSURE ON ILAB PROGRAM COORDINATOR,  
BUT URGE EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO ENABLE THIS PROMINENT  
DEPUTY AND TRADE UNION LEADER TO TRAVEL. REASON FOR  
SHORT NOTICE HINGES ON TIGHT PARLIAMENTARY SCHEDULE,  
PARTICULARLY AS CONCERNS THE WORK OF THE ALL-IMPORTANT  
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH THE DRAFTING OF  
SPAIN'S NEW CONSTITUTION. EMBASSY HAS FOR SOME TIME  
NOW BEEN ATTEMPTING TO NAIL DOWN THE VISIT OF A UGT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER TO THE U.S., BUT WORK  
PRESSURES HAVE BEEN SUCH THAT THE UGT HAS BEEN UNABLE  
TO PRY LOOSE ANY OF ITS TOP OFFICERS. THUS, THE  
SUDDEN NOTIFICATION (TO THE LABATT) OVER THE WEEK-END  
THAT SAAVEDRA WOULD BE PREPARED TO TRAVEL ON AUGUST 1  
OR 2 CAME AS AN UNEXPECTED THOUGH WELCOME SURPRISE.

3. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS. IN WASHINGTON, WE PROPOSE  
APPROPRIATE CALLS AT THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE (TO  
INCLUDE EUR AND S/IL) AND LABOR (ILAB, HOPEFULLY  
INCLUDING DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY HOWARD SAMUEL);  
AFL-CIO (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ERNEST LEE,  
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AND EXPOSURE TO SUCH AFL-CIO DEPARTMENTS AS COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING, COMMUNIST RELATIONS, ECONOMIC RESEARCH  
AND ORGANIZATION); BRAC (JACK OTERO); UAW (LEO SUSLOW);  
STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FEDERATION  
(JERRY WURF); GEORGE MEANY LABOR EDUCATION CENTER;  
LABOR DESK OF U.S. YOUTH COUNCIL (DAVID DORN); AFT  
(SHANKER); AND APPROPRIATE CONTACTS AT U.S. HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES (KEEPING IN MIND SAAVEDRA'S COMMITTEE  
ASSIGNMENTS AS INDICATED ABOVE). IN VIEW OF HIS  
UNIVERSITY CONNECTIONS, VISIT TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY  
(ROY GODSON, INTERNATIONAL LABOR PROGRAM - RECENT VISITOR  
TO SPAIN) WOULD ALSO BE IN ORDER.

4. WITH RESPECT REMAINDER OF TRIP, RECOMMEND STOP IN  
MEDIUM-SIZE MIDWEST CITY, VISIT TO CALIFORNIA OR  
NORTHWEST, MIAMI (COMBINED WITH DISNEY WORLD, IF  
FEASIBLE), AND NEW YORK CITY (TO INCLUDE UN). THESE  
STOPS SHOULD INCLUDE CONTACTS WITH AFL-CIO STATE OR  
LOCAL OFFICERS, UNIVERSITIES (WITH EMPHASIS ON  
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS/LABOR LAW THEME, IF POSSIBLE),  
AND SOME PLANT VISITS. THE ECONOMY OF THE CANARIES  
BEING HEAVILY DEPENDENT UPON TOURISM, SUGGEST MIAMI

WOULD BE APPROPRIATE CITY TO SEE HOW THAT CITY HANDLES ITS HEAVY INFLUX OF TOURISTS (I.E. CONTACTS WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CONVENTION CENTERS, CITY HALL OFFICIALS, ETC). VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI AT CORAL GABLES WOULD ALSO BE IN ORDER. WHERE FEASIBLE, CALLS UPON STATE AND CITY OFFICIALS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. SOME ADDITIONAL PERSONAL REQUESTS FROM SAAVEDRA WILL ALSO BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS HE RETURNS TO MADRID FROM A CURRENT TRIP.

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5. THE SERVICES OF AN ESCORT INTERPRETER WILL BE NEEDED.

6. PLEASE SEND FISCAL DATA. PRECISE FLIGHT INFORMATION FOLLOWS. VALLIMARESCO

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